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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in support of the settlement reached in the Microsoft antitrust case. It is time to put this matter behind us and get back to business. I, personally, did not support the initial lawsuit. I think Microsoft's competitors were using the legal arena to try and cripple their most innovative rival. We complain about the economic slowdown but hamstringing the one company that is most responsible for much of our economic vitality over the past decade.

Further, I understand that Microsoft has been more than accommodating with regard to the demands from the Department of Justice. Microsoft has agreed to allow computer makers to ship non Microsoft product to a customer; Microsoft has agreed to a uniform price list; Microsoft has agreed to disclose their internal source codes. This is way more than I believe any other firm would be willing to do.

I urge you to give your approval to this agreement.

Sincerely,

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